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WOMAN TO DIE IN THE CHAIR TO-DAY

Mrs. Mary Farmer Spends Her Last Hours on Earth Praying.

PRIEST TO ADMINISTER THE LAST SACRAMENT

"Will Die a Good Catholic," Said Father Hickey—Husband Also Under Sentence for Same Crime—Parting Last Night a Pathetic One.

ABURN, N. Y., March 28.—The current of events to-night and the final hours of the life of Mrs. Mary Farmer, who dies in the electric chair at sunrise to-morrow for the killing of Mrs. Sarah Brennan at Brownsville, moved on relentlessly but dramatically after nightfall in Auburn prison. Brought from the woman's prison chamber to the receiving cell in the condemned woman's hall, she was taken to the prison and then lodged in a cell that adjoins the execution chamber, there to await the call to the chair.

James Farmer, the husband, who also is under sentence of death for the killing of the Brennan woman, and whose case is before the court of Appeals, was taken to the prison, where he might not hear the tread of the witnesses on their way to the room of execution or the march of his wife to her death.

The wretched woman to-night showed no evidence of collapse, though the last words between herself and her husband, as they parted in the interview by heavy bars and an impenetrable screen, were affecting to the two women attendants and the captain of the guard.

As the law does not permit it, there was no farewell embrace when the time came for the execution.

After the steel door of her cell had been closed, and James Farmer, weeping, had been taken away, the woman fell upon her bed and wept for a few moments, and then began to pray. Her husband did not tell her of the death chair in the next room.

Father J. J. Hickey, pastor of the Holy Family Church, visited Mrs. Farmer to-day and prayed with her. The priest will administer the last sacrament to her before she goes to the execution chamber.

"Mrs. Farmer will die a good Catholic," said Father Hickey to-night, "and will go to her death bravely. It may be that she cannot say positively, that some statement will be made by Mrs. Farmer to the public. If so, it will not be given out until after the execution."

The prison buildings were quiet and the prison yard was cast with dark shadows from the high walls to-night. Mrs. Farmer, accompanied by the two women attendants, Dr. John Gerlin, the prison physician, Father Hickey and Warden Benham, was brought down from her cell on the second tier of the women's building. Across the silent yard the woman and her escort walked to the end of the men's building, where a carriage waited to drive them to the entrance of the "death row."

After he had talked to his wife, Farmer was taken away and will not be brought back to his old cell in the condemned row before Wednesday morning. During the day the four other occupants of the death row were removed.

Her Last Hours.

"I have given orders that Mrs. Farmer's last hours should be as quiet as possible. She will be taken to the prison yard to-morrow morning, when we will march across the prison yard to the execution chamber."

Father Hickey and an assistant will lead the death march. The leg electrode will be adjusted by Captain Patterson, and the two women nurses will assist him. State Electrician Davis will turn on the current. He tested the dynamo to-day.

During her long incarceration, Mary Farmer has occupied a cell in the women's department, and has spent most of her time in reading religious books. She rarely spoke of her two-year-old son, Peter Farmer, who is now with an uncle in Watertown, N. Y. Warden Benham says that he understands Mrs. Farmer has written an account of her life, which will be given to her son when he becomes of age. Her prayer-book she has given to her attorney, Wilcox, who defended her at the trial.

She Exonerates Husband.

Mrs. Mary Farmer has made a statement, which she believes will exonerate her husband, also under sentence of death for the same crime.

The statement will be made public after Mrs. Farmer's death.

Father Hickey has told friends that he did not believe Mrs. Farmer should be electrocuted because of her mental condition, which, he indicated, was not sound.

CONTRACTED IN AFRICA

Discovery Credited in Paris by the Times.

PARIS, March 28.—A sensation has been caused by the report of a case of sleeping sickness in the heart of the Congo. The victim, a Frenchman, died of the disease in the Congo.

The Institute physicians state that the condition of the man is very serious. He contracted the disease on the upper Ubanghi, a river of equatorial Africa.

FOR THIRD TIME

Mata Building of Seton Hall College Burns Down.

NEW YORK, March 28.—For the third time in its history, the main building of Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., was burned early to-day.

Seton Hall College is the foremost training school for the Catholic priesthood in New Jersey.

COME HIS WAY

Had His Strange Power of Attracting Inanimate Objects.

DODGEVILLE, WIS., March 28.—A boy who attracts to himself all kinds of inanimate objects—much like the power of motion when he appears—is creating a sensation in Mount Horeb, a village near here.

The lad is Fred Brady, eleven years old, who is the grandson of a farmer and is of more than average intelligence. He cannot account for the strange power that possesses him, and is not conscious of any deliberate exertion of it. When the lad comes into a room articles of furniture will move place and things will fly about the room, striking the floor or the ceiling, or flying through the air to him, as if drawn by a powerful magnet.

On one occasion, when he entered a room where a basketful of eggs was sitting on a table, one of the eggs flew from the basket and half-way across the room, striking the box in the face with such force as to break the egg. Another time a drawer in a sewing machine came out of its place and came flying through the room, scattering the contents in every direction.

An old case-knife flew through a room and stuck in the nose of the boy's grandmother. An ornament of a heating stove was jerked off and thrown across the room. Books, soap, sausage and other things in the house have been performing queer antics.

These manifestations never take place except in the presence of the boy. Some relatives think the child has been hypnotized, while others insist he is possessed by malignant spirits. Thinking his home environment might have something to do with the manifestations, the lad was sent to the home of a relative, three miles distant in the country, where, it is said, the same strange occurrences are taking place daily.

LEFT RICH MEN NUDE

Two Blushing, Furious Passengers Without Their Trousers.

COLUMBUS, March 28.—Two wealthy passengers of the Big Four Railroad were left in a state of blushing and furious nudity by sleeping-car thieves last night. J. J. Tierney, coal operator of Elkton, N. Y., couldn't leave his train when it reached this city, as he had neither clothing nor money. He was left in a state of nudity, and was taken to a hotel, where he was given a new suit of clothes and a pair of trousers.

A Mr. Reinthal, who left Columbus on Big Four train No. 28, at 2 A. M., found himself in a similar unfortunate condition when he reached this city. He was left in a state of nudity, and was taken to a hotel, where he was given a new suit of clothes and a pair of trousers.

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ONE GREAT REPUBLIC

Governor Folk Makes Prophecy Concerning Whole American Continent.

ASHVILLE, N. C., March 28.—That the whole of the American continent will eventually become one great republic, under the government that is now the United States, is the prediction by Governor Folk in conversation here to-day. Governor Folk declared a clash between the United States and Canada is inevitable, and that it will come in the not distant future is his belief.

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OWN EXECUTIONER

Murderer Hangs Himself While Awaiting a New Trial.

GOLDFIELD, NEV., March 28.—Edward A. Hughes, convicted murderer of a woman, hanged himself in his cell to-day, hanging from the highest of the steel bars by a rope of strips of blankets.

Hughes had been sentenced for life and was awaiting a new trial. He left a note saying: "This is the best way to end the new trial."

He shot Gilliam on a street in Goldfield while the streets were full of people, claiming that Gilliam had stolen his wife's affections.

CAPTURED IN WASHINGTON

Negro Is Wanted in Texas for Complicity in Murder.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Julius Robertson, a negro wanted in Dallas, Tex., for complicity in the murder of a woman, was captured in Washington to-day.

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LIKE SHOOTING COWS

Publisher, Back From Africa, So Describes Hunting Big Game.

NEW YORK, March 28.—In the opinion of Dana Estes, a Boston publisher, who arrived here to-day on the St. Louis, after a 25,000-mile journey in Europe, Asia and Africa, the most interesting thing about the trip was the shooting of big game in East Africa.

The antelope and animals of that kind are so tame, he said, "that they graze along the railroad track, and scarcely look up as the train goes by."

DIED IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Mandley Slipped While Getting on Streetcar and Was Injured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—P. M. Mandley, a merchant of Morristown, Tenn., died at the Emergency Hospital to-day from injuries received in a street car accident on inauguration day. Mandley, in attempting to board a car, slipped on the icy step, it is said, and fractured his leg, developing blood poisoning.

His wife and son are here and will accompany the body back to Morristown, where it will be interred.

BELLIGERENTS AT THE SAME TABLE

President Taft Causes the Lion and the Lamb to Feed Together.

UNIQUE GATHERING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Muck-Rakers in Washington Are Busy, and the Wattersonian Cry of "Gray Wolves in the Senate" and "Skunks in the Lobby" Is Heard.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Washington, D. C., March 28.

PRESIDENT TAFT is making friends rapidly. The dinner at the White House Friday night was one of the most unique social affairs of the kind ever given there. It was then that Mr. Taft made the lion and the lamb to feed together. At the same table were seated Senator Aldrich, the boss of the Senate, and Senator Borah, a leading insurgent, and Senator Payne, John D. Rockefeller, and John J. Fitzgerald, of the House. Most of these were accompanied by their wives. Mr. Taft is as cunning as the Virginia fox. He knows the power of women.

No other man in the nation has such a reputation for making peace between warring factions. His happy way of bringing together belligerent factions has made him a world-wide reputation. He laughed at the fighting Filipino and made him throw away his machete and convert his sword into a plowshare. He cheerfully fellowshiped and fraternized with the German and the Russian. Everybody had a jolly time, and came away praising the President and his lady.

Like Good Old Times.

"I never felt more at home in my life than I did to-day," said a well-known Senator. "We smoked, chatted and made merry just as the old time people of the South used to do. Taft is a wonder. Peace and harmony go with his broad, contagious smile. Instead of marching by in the formal manner and shaking hands with his hosts, he was in the hands and the hosts came to us. The affair was democratic and home-like."

Thus far Mr. Taft has met every emergency as it came with credit to himself and country. Those who get close to him say that he is every inch a man, and when he thinks he is right, it requires proof positive to move him from a position after he has taken it. If he keeps up the present lick he will become very popular as the years pass.

Method of Accomplishing His Purpose Was Quite Unusual.

NEW YORK, March 28.—James Vango, a young negro, who after his arrest in Chicago, confessed that he had murdered Isadore D'Valiant, night clerk in the Eastern Hotel here, for the purpose of robbery, strangled himself in his cell in the Tombs prison early to-day.

Vango used a method to encompass his death, which required almost Spartan courage. He twisted a handkerchief around his neck, and after tying it securely, tightened it with a small piece of lead pencil which he used as a tourniquet, until it closed his windpipe. He then threw himself on the floor, and buried his head under his abdomen, buried his face in the pillow and waited for death.

With the same pencil he had previously written two notes of farewell, one to his wife and the other to Detective James Murphy, who captured him. He was found dead in his cell.

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Detective Murphy found him in Chicago. Vango confessed that he had planned the murder, but said that the killing was done by two accomplices.

DEATH IN KISS

Kind Nurse Comforted Dying Woman and Becomes Infected.

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 28.—Having become infected from a kiss bestowed by a patient, a patient dying of typhoid fever, Miss Marion C. Spier, a trained nurse, died here last night.

Miss Spier nursed Mrs. Virginia Callan Carder, wife of Dr. George L. Carder, a prominent society woman, at the Allegheny Hotel, where she was asked her to kiss her as she was dying. The request was granted, and in a few days Miss Spier was stricken with the same malady.

BAD SHAKE-UP

Passenger Train on Central of Georgia Splits a Switch.

GRiffin, GA., March 28.—Passengers on Central of Georgia train No. 18, bound for Atlanta, to-night received a bad shake-up. Express Messenger J. B. Martin was painfully injured, and two mail clerks slightly hurt, when the train split a switch by the entrance of the Griffin yard.

The express and mail cars were derailed and turned over, the two passenger cars were derailed and plowed through the cross-ties for a considerable distance. None of the passengers were injured beyond a severe shaking up.

DEATH OF MR. M'CONKEY

Was Superintendent of New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28.—James M'Conkey, special agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died here to-day, aged sixty-five years.

Mr. M'Conkey was for many years superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad.

Ahead of Schedule.

CONFIRMATION LACKING

British Foreign Office Not Yet Informed of Balkan Settlement.

LONDON, March 28.—London is the only capital where official confirmation of the settlement of the Balkan crisis is lacking. The British Foreign Office late to-night, according to the announcement, had not been informed that Austria had accepted Sir Edward Grey's formula for the declaration which Serbia is to make to the administration at Vienna, but it was fully expected that Austria would accept it.

It is understood that in the declaration agreed upon Serbia will announce that she has no rights with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina; that she is ready to live on friendly terms with Austria, and will demobilize at once. In return, Austria is to make generous economic concessions to Serbia.

Blitzkrieg in Paris.

PARIS, March 28.—The reverse inflicted upon the Anglo-Franco-Russian alliance by the Austro-German combination in the Balkan negotiations has created much bitterness here. French diplomats hold that M. Tsvetkov, the Russian foreign minister, is largely responsible.

Rage and Shame in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—The solution of the Balkan crisis has been received here with rage and shame, rather than with a feeling of relief, by the press and Chauvinistic public, which blame Foreign Minister Tsvetkov for the surrender of Slav interests without considering the circumstances which have dictated the Russian policy.

Vienna Is Delighted.

VIENNA, March 28.—A complete agreement has been reached by the powers with regard to the steps to be taken at Belgrade on the basis of the proposed formula for the declaration which Austria is to make to the administration at Vienna, but it was fully expected that Austria would accept it.

The greatest satisfaction is felt everywhere over the happy solution of the crisis.

Three hundred and eighty thousand men from all parts of the country have in the last few months been mobilized in Bosnia and Croatia, the artillery forces having been greatly augmented and arms and ammunition have been replenished, the entire cost being estimated at \$140,000,000.

It is taken for granted here that Serbia will follow the advice of the powers, and that as the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been decided, the necessity for a conference of the powers practically has been avoided.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

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BLOWN TO PIECES

Section Placed Under Car in Which Dynamite Was Sleeping.

STAMFORD, PA., March 28.—While asleep in a bunk car near Trevorton to-day, Salvatore Belfiore, a section hand on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, was blown to pieces by dynamite.

The explosive had been placed directly beneath where he was sleeping by supposed members of the Black Hand, who escaped. Two other Italians also asleep in the car, were blown some distance from the wrecked car by the explosion.

EXCHANGE COURTESIES

General Barry Will Call on President Gomez Before Leaving.

HAVANA, March 28.—Courtesies preliminary to the departure of the last American troops from Cuba, will be exchanged on Tuesday when Major General Barry and his staff, accompanied by the American minister, Edwin V. Morgan, will call at the palace and bid farewell to President Gomez.

REFUSES NEW TRIAL

Woman Prefers Ten Years in Prison to Another Court Ordeal.

WALTHAM, MASS., March 28.—Unwilling to bear the ordeal of another trial, Mrs. Rose Gilsby, sentenced on Monday last to ten years for killing Clinton B. Childs, ordered her attorney to-day to let the law take its course. She will begin her sentence within a few days.

DR. SMITH ACCEPTS

Will Take Chair of English at the University of Virginia.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 28.—Dr. C. Alphonse Smith, head of the department of English at the University of North Carolina, to-day announced his acceptance of the call to the University of Virginia.

Dr. Smith will take the chair of English at that institution, instead of that of Teutonic languages as previously announced.

FATE OF TARIFF BILL IN BALANCE

Speaker Cannon Confers With President Taft at the White House.

REPUBLICAN WHIP IS LINING UP MEMBERS

All of the Majority Must Be Present on Thursday, When Something Definite Will Be Done—Lumber and Hides Are Causing Much Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The tariff situation in the House is no nearer a solution to-night than since the opposition to various schedules developed among the Republicans several days ago.

Speaker Cannon conferred with President Taft at the White House to-night regarding the situation, and the Ways and Means Committee was in session throughout the day. The committee decided upon numerous amendments which it will offer to the bill.

Representative Dwight D. Davis, of New York, the Republican whip, has been instructed to have all the majority members present on Thursday. This is taken to mean either that a caucus will be held to adopt a plan with regard to the consideration of the tariff bill for amendment or that a rule will be brought in to shut off further general debate.

The committee gave some consideration to the paragraph on coffee to-day. This, and the paragraphs affecting crude petroleum, free hides, bituminous coal, lumber, and iron ore, it is understood, will be opened for amendment by the proposed rule.

Lumber and Hides.

The fate of lumber and hides in the proposed new tariff law probably will not be decided until the conference reports on the bill have been approved by both the Senate and House. The clashes on these schedules have occurred largely between the Representatives of the East and West, and there is a prospect of the differences becoming so sharp that the Democrats from the Southern States may determine the outcome.

The supporters of protection on hides express hope of inducing the Senate committee to recommend the continuance of the Dingley rates. The Western Senators on the committee have proved strong advocates of the restoration of the duty, while Senator Lodge is said to stand almost alone in his campaign for free hides.

Champions of the movement to take the duty off hides entirely are not so sanguine of success as the advocates of free hides. They believe their contest in the committee is concerned. Senator McCumber, in accordance with the instructions of the Legislature of North Dakota, is prepared to carry the fight to the floor of the Senate.

Regardless of the vote of the committee, the advocates of free hides and free hides have been promised separate votes on these questions in the Senate.

Senate May Upset Bill.

There is a well-defined rumor in the Senate that the Committee on Finance will upset the principle declared in the Payne bill of making the minimum of the tariff a minimum with a 20 per cent. retaliatory increase to countries which fail to give their best rate to the United States. If it should be decided to reverse this proposition, so as to make the established rate the maximum and give to the most favored nations a favorable rate of 20 per cent. less, it is asserted that the rates in the Payne bill would have to be raised all along the line on the theory that all great nations would take action so as to be given the lower rate.

During the consideration of the bill thus far all of the rates which depend upon existing treaties have been laid aside to be considered when the maximum and minimum features are taken up.

THINKS HE'S CHARLIE ROSS

Brakeman Has Reason to Believe He Is Last of His Line.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 28.—William Brant Eyster, of McKees Rocks, a suburb, formerly a coal miner at Shamokin, now a brakeman on the Erie Railroad, stated to-night to the Associated Press that he believes he is the Charlie Ross he killed in 1892.

He said he learned early in life that he was not the child of his supposed parents, and that many things they did him to believe that he was Charlie Ross.

He said he tallies in every respect with the description of Charlie Ross, and that he is only a half-breed, of his early home, he said, agree with descriptions of the Ross home. His foster parents, who lived at Shamokin, are dead.

HE SHUNS WATER

War Veteran Claims That Drinking It Is a Needless Habit.

TOWNSHIP, DEL., March 28.—"Drinking water is only a habit, and the more you drink the more you want," said Thomas Maloney, a well-known merchant of this town, while discussing the question. "I have drunk a glass of water for seven years, simply because he does not want to crave it. The only beverage he uses being a cup of good coffee at each meal, or, as a substitute, a glass of milk."

Very few have better health than Maloney, who is seventy years of age and a veteran of the Civil War, in which he was shot twice.

CARRIED OVER FALLS

Three Duck Hunters Lost Their Lives in Cedar River.

WATERLOO, IOWA, March 28.—While several persons watched powerlessly to help, Cryst Anderson and Henry Bolman, duck hunters, clinging to an upturned boat, from which Frank Bentz had already jumped and drowned, were carried over the falls in the Cedar River to-day and drowned.

The three men tried to cross the river just above the falls, and the boat upset.

HAVE QUIET DAY

After a Week of Excitement, Kidnappers Enjoy Sunday.

MERCER, PA., March 28.—After a week of intense with movement and excitement, James H. Boyle and Max McDermott, or Thornton, or whatever her real name may be, have had one real day of rest. While the woman spent the greater part of the day reading, the man indulged himself in the luxury of reading and smoking. Last evening he gave the sheriff money with which to purchase a quantity of stogies and these were dealt out to him at breakfast, dinner and supper.

The brilliant woman never lost her nerve. She had lost her appetite, but to-day she began to eat again. The man had lost both nerve and appetite. This evening, however, he was in good condition and talked of making a fight for his liberty.

McDermott, the retired fireman of Chicago, did not come here to-day for the purpose of seeing the woman. He alleged answers the description of his missing daughter, Anna. It is likely arrangements will be completed to-morrow morning for the hearing.

The woman is indifferent to the proceedings, protesting her absolute innocence, and her conviction that she will be acquitted. Boyle is rather nervous as to the hearing, and wishes it to be held here rather than at Sharon.

It is the opinion here that there are three more accomplices to be arrested, the report being that efforts have been begun to locate them in this county as well as in Ohio. Former Judge Samuel H. Miller probably will defend Boyle when his case comes to trial at the April session of court. As yet his woman companion has secured no attorney.

To Be Arraigned To-Day.

SHARON, PA., March 28.—Mr. and Mrs. James H. Boyle, charged with the abduction of Willie Whitt, will be brought to Sharon for formal arraignment to-morrow afternoon. Willie Whitt will be a witness against them.

A charge of abduction will be made against Boyle and his woman companion. School boys friends of Willie Whitt have presented him with a signet ring bearing his monogram and the date of his return home engraved on it.

DISCUSS CHILD LABOR

Delegates From Eleven States Will Meet in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 28.—In furtherance in what is believed will be one of the most important movements ever launched for the improvement of child labor conditions in the South, official representatives from eleven Southern States will meet in New Orleans to-morrow afternoon for a conference to extend over a period of three days.

The gathering occurs upon the invitation of Governor Sanders, of Louisiana, who recently asked the Governors of twelve other States of the South to name delegates for a meeting in New Orleans, which would have for its object the adoption of a more comprehensive and uniform system of child labor laws in the South, safeguarding both the welfare of youthful laborers and the legitimate interests